

Have You Purchased One of Uncle Sam's Baby Bonds? On Sale at Postoffice

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WAR STAMP SALE BEYOND \$7,000

\$822.64 SOLD THIS WEEK

Sale Does Not Come Up to Expectation of Campaign Managers.

Stamp sales for the week ending February 20:

Clatskanie	\$302.93
Goble	182.20
Houlton	52.79
Mist	82.60
St. Helens	202.12

Total \$822.64
Previously reported 6,293.50

Total to Feb. 20 \$7,116.14

The total amount of War Savings Stamps sold in Columbia county since the selling campaign started amounts to more than \$7,000, but even this amount is far less than what the sales should be. The amount apportioned to the county is \$270,000, or about \$25 per capita. The government expects us to raise this amount in the period of one year, but at the rate the sales are coming in it will take about five years. To date, people of St. Helens have invested in stamps to the amount of approximately \$2,000. Estimating our population at 3,000, our pro-rata is \$75,000, so in order to reach the goal set by the government we must buy \$73,000 of stamps in the coming nine months. In the effort to awake public interest in this matter, the business men are using their regular advertising space to encourage the buying of War Stamps. Thus far, most of the subscriptions have been made by the school children, and it is pointed out that while the bonds are called Baby Bonds, it does not mean that a grown man or woman is not eligible to purchase, and it is hoped that before the end of this month many will avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase the absolutely safe securities which Uncle Sam is offering.

What Are War Saving Stamps?

For the benefit of those who do not fully understand the War Stamp sale and the terms, we will quote from the book of explanation sent out by the United States government.

The stamps are issued in two denominations—25-cent Thrift Stamps and five dollar Certificate Stamps. A Thrift Card is furnished to all purchasers of 25-cent stamps and a certificate or "Baby Bond" to purchasers of \$5 Certificate Stamps. The Thrift Card has spaces for 16 stamps, \$4. When all the spaces have been filled the Thrift Card may be exchanged for a \$5 stamp at the post-office, banks or other authorized agencies by adding 12 cents in cash prior to Feb. 1, 1918 (cost \$4.12), or one cent additional each month thereafter when purchased.

Those who prefer may buy a \$5 stamp outright, which must be attached to the War Saving Certificate, or "Baby Bond," bearing your name. During February these stamps cost \$4.13, and will be sold at an advance of one cent each month until December 31, 1918. They mature on January 1, 1923, when the United States will pay \$5 for each stamp affixed to a War Saving Certificate. This is based on an interest rate of 4 per cent compounded from January 2, 1918, a profit of 88 cents on each stamp which costs \$4.12 in January, 1918. These certificates may be cashed at any time by giving the postmaster ten days written notice.

"Lick a Thrift Stamp every day; Hoard them like a miser. Do two bits for Uncle Sam, And help him lick the Kaiser."

You can do your bit—ask your merchant, banker or postoffice for stamps, they have them. If they haven't got them they will get them for you. Do your bit. Your investment is absolutely safe and backed by Uncle Sam. Would you ask better security.

Subscribe for one of these "Baby Bonds" today and help put Columbia county and St. Helens in the front rank of Oregon counties and cities.

Miss Ella Rosenthal left Sunday for Portland. There she was joined by her sister, Mrs. Leo Rieen, and they left Monday for California, to spend several weeks in the sunny southland.

PITTSBURG ROAD WAS BETTER 20 YEARS AGO

There Was Much Travel Over It at That Time.

Grant Watts, of Seaside, and Fred Adams, of Deer Island, were discussing the need of the road from St. Helens to Pittsburg and the Nehalem valley, and Mr. Watts remarked the years ago, when he was county clerk and also during his term as county school superintendent, he had traveled the road many times, and at that time it wasn't so very bad, in fact it was passable. Adams remarked that twenty years ago he used to go over in the Nehalem and buy good beef steers for \$22 to \$25 per head and drive them over the road to St. Helens for shipment to Portland. He said that nowadays he doubted if he could buy such cattle at less than \$125 per head, and if he did buy them, if he could get them through to St. Helens. This remark prompted Watts to remark that the difference in the price of the cattle now and then was not similar to road conditions now and in the past. In the past there were cheap cattle and a passable road, and now cattle are high in price and there is an impassable road, and that the road from St. Helens to Pittsburg hadn't been improved to keep pace with the improvement in the Nehalem. Both of the gentlemen are in favor of the early completion of the road and believe it to be of vital importance to both the Nehalem valley and St. Helens.

LUMBER COMPANY MUST FURNISH HEAT

Public Service Commission of State So Decides.

In the case of the City of St. Helens, E. I. Ballagh, as trustee of Avon Lodge No. 62, K. of P., H. Morgus and W. W. Blakesley vs. the St. Helens Lumber Company, the Oregon public service commission has handed down an order instructing the company to furnish steam heat. The decision considers the company a public utility and subject to the provisions of Chapter 279 of the laws of Oregon covering the operation of such utility. The defendant company is ordered to continue to furnish adequate and uninterrupted steam heating service in the district bounded on the west by the west line of Columbia street, on the north by the south line of Plaza block, on the east by the Columbia river and on the south by the south line of McCormick street. The company is also required to file with the commission a tariff or schedule rates and charges covering steam heating service. The order was made on February 15, the hearing of the case having taken place at the courthouse last October.

CITY COUNCIL HAS A BUSY SESSION

Marshal Is Given Instructions to Enforce Dog Ordinance.

The city council met in regular session Monday night with all members present except Councilman Allen. Councilman White reported on the fire alarm system; that he found the fire gong entirely too small and would not ring sufficiently loud. It was ordered that the same be remedied at once.

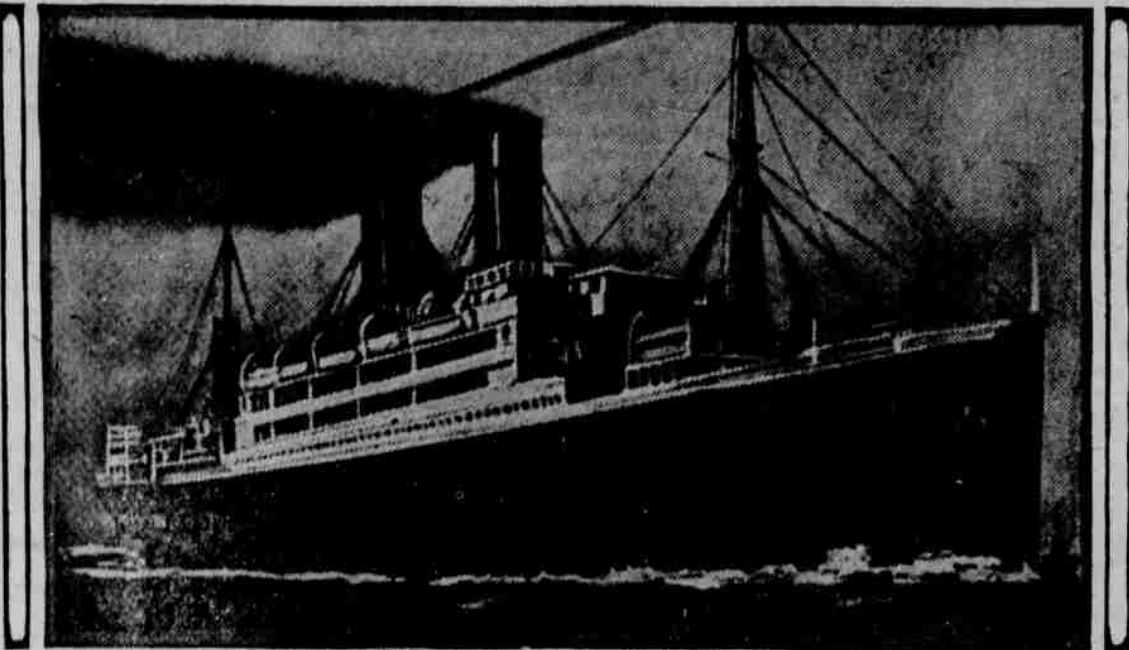
Attorney Day reported on the matter of the collection of licenses from insurance agents and that A. W. Mueller had suggested a test case be made on him, the suit to be a friendly one. The council agreed to this method of testing the validity of the ordinance.

The mayor brought up the matter of enforcing the dog ordinance, and the marshal was instructed to see that the ordinance was enforced. The ordinance prohibits dogs running at large on the streets of the city.

The ordinance fixing the salaries of the marshal, deputy marshal and city attorney was read the third time and passed.

In the matter of purchasing a fire truck, the mayor appointed the council as a committee of the whole to investigate the practicability of a larger truck than the one first considered.

TORPEDOED UNITED STATES TRANSPORT TUSCANIA



United States transport Tuscania, formerly of the Anchor line, which was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast while carrying American troops to Europe.

BI-ANNUAL ELECTION COMES THIS YEAR

State and County Jobs

State Candidates Already in Evidence but Little Interest in County.

Nineteen-eighteen is an election year and Oregon must select new state and county officers, a United States senator and representatives in congress. The primary election will be held on Friday, May 17, and the general election on Tuesday, November 5. Registration books will close on April 16, and remain closed until after the primary, and voters who expect to vote at the primary must see that they are registered before that date.

In this county a complete new set of officers are to be elected with the exception of assessor, county school superintendent and county commissioner. The outgoing commissioner is Judson Weed. A joint senator who will represent Columbia, Clackamas and Multnomah counties (mostly Multnomah) is to be elected as well as a representative.

While there has been considerable activity among those seeking state offices and many announcements have been made, there appears little interest in the county offices, and only one formal announcement has been made, that of H. P. Ross, who is a candidate for county clerk.

In past years, there has been but little interest in elections except at a presidential election, and possibly this might be an "off" year, but as the time of the primaries draws near it is reasonable to expect that the candidates will begin warming up. The judges and clerks of elections have been appointed by the county court and the clerk's office will see that all boards are made familiar with the new election laws so there will be no mixup.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The annual roll call of Avon lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias, was held in Castle hall Tuesday night, and was attended by some sixty members of the order, many of whom were from out of town and also visiting brothers. After the regular session of the lodge a candidate was inducted further into the mysteries of the order. After the initiation a splendid salmon dinner was served and members of the lodge responded as their names were called. The local lodge is in a flourishing condition and many new members have recently been taken into membership.

STEAM LAUNDRY CHANGES OWNERSHIP

A change has been made in the management of the St. Helens Steam Laundry, E. L. Van Gilder, who has had wide experience in the laundry business, buying the concern. The new manager will give more frequent service and assures the public there will be no chance for complaint of his work, which will range from the most delicate pieces to a circus tent.

WHEN FORD MEETS ANOTHER FORD

Columbia Street Not Wide Enough for Tin Lizzies.

You have heard about "when Greek meets Greek" haven't you? You have pictured the awful fight to the death and possibly your imagination has furnished harrowing details not supplied by historians, but such "meets" are insignificant when compared to a meeting of two Fords traveling in opposite directions and both trying to go on the same narrow space. The accident happened at the corner of Columbia and Cowlitz streets yesterday afternoon, when J. W. Haquist, driving his Ford limousine, disputed the right of way of Larson & Company's Ford truck. The truck was able to get away under its own power, but the limousine suffered external and internal injuries and had to be assisted to the Independent Auto Company's garage. Haquist was clearly in the wrong, cutting the corner of the street on the left side just as the truck tried to make the same corner. Marshals Potter and Blakesley arrested the drivers of both cars and took them before Judge Quick, who, after giving a lecture as to the city traffic rules, allowed the men to go with a promise "to sin no more."

Recently there has been quite a lot of reckless driving on the streets, and it is the purpose of the city authorities to rigidly enforce the traffic ordinances, so look out, mister auto driver.

QUARRY GRANTS RIGHT OF WAY

John Phillip, while in Portland Tuesday, saw S. Montague, manager of the St. Helens quarry, and took up with him the matter of right of way across the company's property for the St. Helens-Columbia City road. Mr. Montague expressed a willingness to give any right of way necessary and also if the county or contractor could use any of the quarry's equipment such as steam shovels, railroad track, drills, etc., that the same would be furnished cheerfully. The quarry company does not wish to stand in the way of this needed road, but, on the contrary, wish to assist all they possibly can towards the building of the road.

SAD CASE BROUGHT BEFORE COUNTY JUDGE

A pathetic case came up for hearing Wednesday before Judge Morton in the juvenile court. Mrs. Mary Hicks, a widow residing in Clatskanie, has seven bright boys, their ages ranging from one to 9 years. She is incapable of supporting them, and so informed the court. Four of the youngsters were sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society and the other three were taken by friends in Clatskanie and Grays Harbor, and will probably be adopted. The youngsters sent to the home were bright and attractive children and anyone wishing to adopt and provide a good home for any of the children might address the superintendent of the home at Portland.

BUY A SMILEAGE BOOK FOR SOME SOLDIER

QUOTA OF \$200 FOR CITY

Honor Guard Girls to Start Drive Today.

The St. Helens Honor Guard girls will start a drive today and hope to dispose of the quota of books assigned to St. Helens. Two hundred dollars worth of books have been assigned to the girls here. Despite the wide publicity given to the Smilage campaign, there are still a few persons who do not understand or have a rather hazy idea as to what these little books are. So for the enlightenment of the uninformed here's the information.

Despite the wide publicity given the Smilage drive, the various Rotarian committees find many citizens with a rather hazy idea of the intent and purpose of Smilage. For the enlightenment of the uninformed, State Director C. B. Waters has prepared the following catechism, which answers most of the questions propounded:

Q. What is a Smilage book?

A. A Smilage book is a book containing coupons entitling the holder to admission and seat tickets at Liberty theatres, Liberty tents, and auditorium under the management of the commission on training camp activities, Washington, D. C.

Q. What do Smilage books cost?

A. Smilage books are of two kinds: The first costs \$1; the second \$5.

Q. How many tickets does each book contain?

A. The \$1 Smilage book contains 20 coupons; the \$5 book contains 100 coupons.

Q. Where are they good?

A. In all Liberty entertainments in all national army cantonments and national guard camps under the management of the commission on training camp activities.

Q. Are the books to be inscribed by name to soldiers?

A. There is space for an inscription to soldiers by name, but this is not necessary.

Q. Are they transferable?

A. Yes, to soldiers in uniform.

Q. How many theatres have been built?

A. One permanent theatre, seating 3,000, has been built in each national army cantonment. Two chaletauquas, seating 1,800 each, have been erected in each national guard camp.

Q. How can I get these Smilage books to the soldiers?

A. Send them by mail. Let the next letter you send to any camp contain a \$5 or \$1 book; think of the laughter in these coupons. And, of course, if you have a boy, son, brother, sweetheart or husband of your own in camp you will see that he gets one.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison were Portland visitors Tuesday.

CITY OPPOSES RAISE IN TELEPHONE RATES

ECONOMY IS URGED

Mayor Ballagh and City Attorney Day Attend Phone Hearing.

Wednesday the Oregon public service commission had a hearing in Portland relative to the increase in rates which the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company has recently put into effect. The company, under the ruse of a readjustment of rates, submitted to the commission a new table and it was allowed, but from all over Oregon went up such a cry that the commission decided upon a public hearing of the matter. St. Helens being one of the towns affected, it was represented by Mayor Ballagh and Attorney Day. General Manager Nowles, of the San Francisco office, was on the stand and was closely questioned by Mr. Day as to whether the "readjustment" was not an increase. Mr. Nowles admitted that in January the income of the company in Oregon was increased about \$30,000 by such "readjustment." Mr. Day asked that if the company practiced the economy that other people are now required to practice, if it wouldn't be possible to maintain their service without the necessity of an increase, and cited the fact that whereas the St. Helens portion of the line and central office two years ago were handled by two operators and one lineman, who was also manager, that there are now eight people on the company's payroll, notwithstanding the fact that only 14 phones had been added to the St. Helens list during the past year. Mr. Day asked Mr. Nowles as to the duties of the linemen and the manager and their compensation and also if it would not be possible to have the linemen act as manager, thus cutting down the expenses of this exchange about \$1,500 per year and still keep the number of operators now in service. Mr. Nowles could not tell exactly what were the duties of the manager except that he collected bills, whereupon Mr. Day asked if it was not a fact that most of the bills were paid to the chief operator, a fact which was sustained. This entirely different line of questioning had a visible effect on the officers of the telephone company and the commission, and the hearing was continued until a day next week.

Mr. Day, while not advocating the abolishment of the managers where they are necessary contended that if the manager was also linemen that not less than \$90,000 per year could be saved in Oregon alone, which would go a long way towards meeting the increase in operating expenses which the telephone company now has. The "readjustment" increase, figured on the basis of the first month, will bring into the coffers of the company some \$375,000 to \$400,000 per year. Mr. Nowles stated that on account of the increased cost of all supplies and the scarcity of labor the company had decided to do no extension work until after the war. This policy is now being carried out in St. Helens, as there are many who wish phones but are unable to get them.

It was promised by officials of the company that the St. Helens situation would be investigated, and it is quite probable that the efforts of Mayor Ballagh and Mr. Day will be productive of good results to the city and the county, as the new rates effect the county as a whole.

COUNTY ROCK CRUSHER AT WORK

The county's rock crusher started up Thursday and will operate for a few days, or until sufficient rock has been crushed to do some needed patch work on the roads. The county auto truck will make the deliveries for the present, and when a sufficient quantity of rock is along the road it will be sent to Portland for a general overhauling and installing of a power hoist before the real road work of the season begins.

Knute Bjorkman came down from Vancouver Saturday to spend Sunday with friends and relatives here. Knute is one of the inspectors in the government's big spruce mill, being attached to the spruce regiment.